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Applicant(s):	William J. Taylor et al.	Examiner:	Carl H. Layno
Serial No.:	10/003,925	Group Art Unit:	3762
Filed:	October 30, 2001	Docket No.:	P-9211.00
Title:	TITANIUM ALLOY-PIN BATTERY FEEDTHROUGH FOR AN IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE		

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REPLY

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003 which set a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire January 21, 2004.

Applicants herewith petition for a one-month extension of time in which to reply, expiring February 21, 2004. Applicants assert that this Reply is timely filed in advance of the expiration of said extended period for lodging this Reply.

Please enter this Reply in the above-identified application.